

highest median salary, \$20 800, of all those engaged in management of research and development.

Two thirds of all physicists reporting were engaged in research and development or in R-and-D management.

The figures were derived from a survey of 298 000 scientists for the NSF biennial National Register. An eight-page NSF report, *Salaries and Selected Characteristics of US Scientists*, is available from the Government Printing Office.

#### Foundation Gives \$7 Million To Lamont Observatory

Columbia University's geophysics center is now the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory as the result of a \$7 million gift. The Henry L. and Grace Doherty Charitable Foundation announced the grant at the beginning of the year.

Andrew W. Cordier, acting university president, called it one of the largest single gifts in Columbia's 215-year history. Discussions with the foundation had been carried on since last spring by Maurice Ewing, observatory director. Cordier said other sources of income are being added to the Doherty gift to ensure that the observatory's endowment will exceed \$10 million.

#### Presidential Panel Proposes New Ocean Resources Agency

The Nixon administration is studying the recommendation of a special presidential panel that a strong new civil agency be created to guide US marine research and development. The proposed National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency would be composed of existing agencies, including the Environmental Science Services Administration, the Coast Guard and the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

Julius A. Stratton of the Ford Foundation, who directed the two-year study by the panel, said the report did not propose any crash programs and added that he hoped the new agency would not be called, as has been suggested, a "wet NASA."

The report envisions the new agency spending about \$2000 million a year by the end of the next decade. Some of the money would go to already leading oceanographic institutions, which would be designated "University National Laboratories." □

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